

August 8, 2006

MaineDOT Interagency Meeting Notes

Website: <http://www.mdot/mdot/interagency-meetings/interagency-meetings.php>

Attending Agencies:

- Federal Highway
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Maine Department of Inland Fish and Wildlife
- National Marine Fisheries Service
- Maine Department of Transportation – Environmental
- Maine Department of Transportation - Planning
- Maine Department of Transportation – OPT
- Maine Department of Transportation – Project Development
- Maine Department of Environmental Protection
- Atlantic Salmon Commission
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife
- Maine Department of Conservation
- Maine Natural Areas Program

Agencies Absent:

- Land Use Regulation Commission
- Federal Transit Authority
- Army Corps of Engineers
- Maine Historic Preservation Commission
- Maine Department of Marine Resources

Presentations

Acadia Gateway Center EA – presented by Jay Duncan, DMJM

- Handout – Executive Summary/draft review copy
- EA to come out in about 30 days, permitting to start in 2007
- Public meeting in early September
- Phase I target date 2009, to include mitigation for whole site

Knox County Regional Airport Final Design and Environmental Permitting for Parallel Taxiway

- Handout – preliminary site plan
- EA addressing 7.4 acres freshwater wetland impact
- Draft EA went out in February 2006
- Target area for mitigation is Weskeag Marsh – mitigation by preservation at 10:1

Presque Isle Bypass Mitigation Site Search– presented by Lisa Standley

No handouts

Public hearing next week on Supplementary Draft EIS

Public comment period closes 8/31 – Mark Kern would like it extended

EPA expressed concerns about the segmented approach to the overall project

EPA and USFWS request more detail regarding affected wetlands (functions and values) before considering appropriateness of specific mitigation sites

Fisheries Reviews for MaineDOT projects/activities – presented by Judy Gates

Wende requests more specific identification of water bodies on form

Aroostook County Transportation Study - PIN: 6462.10 – presented by Ray Faucher

Handout – email from Jay Clement at ACOE

Ray discussed his responses to the 6 points regarding Presque Isle bypass and the 5 points regarding the Route 161 connector. With Jay not present, discussion was general and limited.

- **ACTION ITEMS:** Jay will coordinate a meeting with ACOE, DOT, EPA, USFWS, DEP, VHB, and other interested parties for a detailed discussion on the project.

Marion construction site – presented by Ryan Annis

Ryan showed slides and data supporting the current unusual high water situation and its impact on the construction schedule. He indicated there still is time to get both the bridge and the low-flow channel done this year within the in-stream work window, if conditions improve and no additional heavy rains exacerbate the situation. Wende indicated the possibility of extending the in-stream work window by a few days if it would enable the job to be completed in one season, but was not willing to extend the window by “weeks”. Charlie Hebson indicated the possibility that the low-flow channel may function properly without being fully built. Primary goal will be to finish the bridge this year. Ryan will maintain communications with Wende to keep her apprised of the field conditions.

Benedicta – presented by Charlie Hebson

Charlie explained the mechanics of the design using smooth-bore pipes, and that the water velocity was not controlled by pipe surface roughness but rather, with the bottom of the primary pipe submerged, the velocity is limited by the berm at the back end of the scour pool. Armoring the berm and the stream bed leading to the culverts will prevent erosion and maintain the designed functionality.